

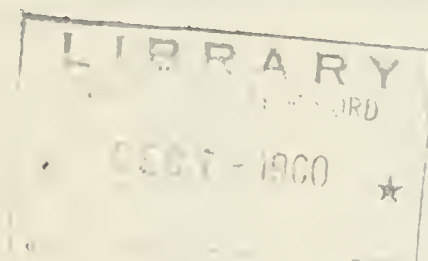
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U.S. DRY PEA EXPORTS

REACH NEW RECORD

In the year ended July 31, 1960, the United States dry pea exports set a record of over 2 million bags. Less than 20 years ago, the United States was a net importer of dry peas, but has climbed steadily to its present status as one of the 2 largest pea exporters in the world.

The best markets for U.S. dry peas in recent years have been the United Kingdom, West Germany, and Venezuela. Canada has not been a large market by comparison but has been a consistent purchaser.

Export data by type of dry peas was not available, prior to 1941, but since then, data for several classes of peas have been reported separately.

Commercial exports have moved rapidly upward for nearly all types of peas, particularly the green classes. The high exports during the 1940's included much government shipment for foreign relief.

A history of U.S. dry pea exports follows:

Table 1.--PEAS, DRY EDIBLE: A history of U.S. exports by class and quantity

Year 1/	All peas & lentils 2/	Seed 3/	Cowpeas 4/	Garbanzos 5/	Alaska & Smooth Green 6/	Yellow, White & Lentils 7/
	1,000 bags 8/	1,000 bags 8/	1,000 bags 8/	1,000 bags 8/	1,000 bags 8/	1,000 bags 8/
1936	61	--	--	--	--	--
1937	100	--	--	--	--	--
1938	129	--	--	--	--	--
1939	186	--	--	--	--	--
1940	301	--	--	--	--	--
1941	213	29	--	--	--	--
1942	524	31	--	--	--	--
1943	1,335	69	--	--	--	--
1944	1,840	232	--	--	--	--
1945	3,316	100	9/ 5	9/ 5	--	--
1946	1,623	473	3	5	--	--
1947	1,209	213	5	12	--	--
1948	1,232	372	4	9	--	--
1949	1,244	224	3	7	--	--
1950	542	32	5	36	--	--
1951	998	78	13	7	--	--
1952	618	46	7	42	290	233
1952-53	517	45	14	40	233	185
1953-54	580	71	29	8	247	225
1954-55	1,254	114	8	14	806	312
1955-56	422	21	10/ 11	10/ 3	131	256
1956-57	1,254	112	30	52	741	319
1957-58	1,085	72	17	11/ --	626	370
1958-59	1,458	101	3	11/ --	866	488
1959-60	2,258	130	82	11/	1,342	704

1/ Calendar years 1936 through 1952; marketing years 1952-53 through 1956-57.

2/ Includes all dry peas, seed peas, blackeyed peas, blackeyed beans, lentils and Chickpeas (Garbanzos), including canned or roasted until 1940. 3/ Seed all types; separated 1-1-41. 4/ Blackeyed peas, blackeyed beans and cowpea seed; separated 1-1-45. 5/ Chickpeas (Garbanzos), Mexican roasted, canned or not canned; separated 1-1-45. 6/ Alaska and other smooth green peas, whole and split; separated 1-1-52. 7/ Lentils and white and yellow peas, whole and split; separated 1-1-52. 8/ 100-pound bags. 9/ Estimated.

10/ 6-months only; January-June 1956 not available. 11/ Included in cowpeas.

Table 2.--ALL DRY PEAS EXCEPT COWPEAS AND CHICKPEAS: U.S. exports by country of destination, 1952-56 average, 1957-58 to 1959-60 annual

Country of destination	Average	Annual		
	1952-56	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60
	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/
North America:				
Canada	68,184	46,994	64,910	98,832
Total	68,184	46,994	64,910	98,832
Latin America:				
Cuba	80,243	102,931	50,695	111,425
Venezuela	152,791	270,247	231,469	227,735
Colombia	19,884	11,230	--	87
Mexico	3,073	3,547	6,405	5,621
Panama, Rep.	5,119	11,024	5,942	13,592
Surinam	8,920	8,815	13,233	13,172
Peru	6,079	20,890	4,480	11,470
Brazil	5,482	88,461	31,738	97,607
Trinidad/Tobago ...	2,508	50,459	50,982	75,225
Other	6,602	5,029	10,267	16,694
Total	290,701	572,633	405,211	572,628
Europe:				
United Kingdom	148,621	324,298	696,603	964,962
Netherlands	57,231	10,255	68,667	96,192
Belgium	36,087	1,693	11,963	65,474
Germany, West	83,222	44,273	121,225	184,720
Switzerland	24,886	8,780	9,547	23,046
Ireland	5,477	--	10,130	--
Iceland	1,567	2,250	2,224	2,241
Italy	6,807	5,703	3,880	6,271
Norway	6,317	--	5,022	25,063
Sweden	3,136	7,357	9,489	48,691
Other	3,431	700	3,338	4,118
Total	376,782	405,309	942,088	1,420,778
Asia:				
Israel	1,841	1,146	1,498	1,787
Philippines	1,684	2,861	7,672	8,534
Hong Kong	208	166	--	21,244
Japan	4,026	100	8	130
Other	1,400	2,420	1,301	3,936
Total	9,159	6,693	10,479	35,631
African countries:	623	200	--	--
Other countries:	17,004	36,209	32,157	47,386
Grand total	762,453	1,068,038	1,454,845	2,175,255

1/ 100-pound bags.

Table 3.—PEAS, DRY ALASKA AND OTHER SMOOTH GREEN KINDS: U.S. exports by country of destination, 1952-56, average, 1957-58 to 1959-60 annual

Country of destination	Average	Marketing years		
	1952-56	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/
North America:				
Canada	12,722	1,778	6,624	8,418
Latin America:				
Cuba	71,558	91,745	47,050	103,900
Venezuela	52,163	72,428	43,231	61,147
Colombia	7,233	11,020	—	—
Mexico	1,529	1,069	1,023	2,244
Panama, Rep.	725	100	—	460
Canal Zone	353	—	—	124
Dominican Republic	670	1,300	3,101	852
Netherlands Ant. ...	294	405	—	—
Bermuda	149	78	4,190	—
Surinam	1,085	445	—	—
Peru	5,410	20,670	4,480	9,420
Brazil	2,226	79,061	27,810	84,530
Costa Rica	17	—	400	—
Jamaica	40	—	100	—
Lee/Wind. Islands..	10	250	—	40
Bolivia	42	—	—	—
Argentina	64	—	—	—
Honduras	1,119	—	—	—
French Guiana	10	—	—	—
Bahamas	32	—	—	—
Trinidad/Tobago ...	220	907	11,114	4,700
Uruguay	50	—	—	—
Ecuador	91	—	—	—
Total	145,090	279,478	142,499	267,417
Europe:				
United Kingdom	130,505	290,272	651,724	861,311
Netherlands	34,364	8,800	9,751	32,592
Belgium	22,632	650	7,431	59,877
Germany, West	46,559	14,100	19,458	41,490
Switzerland	13,101	4,926	330	9,236
Ireland	3,539	—	10,130	—
Iceland	1,567	2,250	2,224	2,241
Italy	1,285	2,217	440	5,802
Portugal	20	—	—	—
Norway	5,662	—	3,011	3,979
Sweden	488	—	—	5,500
Total	259,722	323,215	704,499	1,022,028
Asia:				
Nansei/Nanpo	202	1,100	599	1,299
Israel	796	992	—	1,567
Saudi Arabia	5	—	—	—
British Malaya	2	—	—	—
Philippines	583	1,434	3,138	6,231
Hong Kong	8	—	—	21,144
Fr. Pacific Is.	326	—	—	—
Japan	3,683	100	—	100
Kuwait	2	—	—	—
Lebanon	1	—	—	—
Iraq	4	—	—	—
New Zealand	38	—	—	—
Total	5,650	3,626	3,737	30,341
Africa:				
Liberia	13	—	—	—
French Morocco	5	200	—	—
Other	13	—	—	—
Total	31	200	—	—
Others:	7,274	18,048	8,978	13,275
Grand total	430,489	626,345	866,337	1,341,479

1/ 100-pound bags.

Table 4.--PEAS, DRY, YELLOW AND WHITE (LENTILS INCLUDED): U.S. exports by country of destination, 1952-56 average, 1957-58 to 1959-60, annual

Country of destination	Average	Marketing years beginning Aug. 1			
	1952-56	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/	
North America:					
Canada	14,722	7,446	23,175	40,508	
Latin America:					
Mexico	423	1,795	2,659	1,592	
Panama, Rep.	4,394	10,924	5,942	13,132	
Panama, Canal Zone	487	172	150	447	
Cuba	8,627	11,186	3,645	7,525	
Netherlands Ant. .	395	1,510	60	2,060	
Venezuela	100,567	197,819	188,238	165,281	
Surinam	7,545	8,370	13,233	13,172	
Peru	669	220	--	2,050	
Colombia	12,639	90	--	--	
Jamaica	20	--	--	2,790	
British Honduras ..	125	50	--	261	
Bermuda	33	293	427	--	
Lee/Wind. Islands..	78	--	--	140	
British Guiana	746	280	--	--	
French Guiana	160	--	--	--	
Trinidad/Tobago ...	2,188	49,552	39,868	70,525	
Brazil	317	5,764	--	8,606	
Others	281	62	60	493	
Total	139,694	288,087	254,282	288,074	
Europe:					
Netherlands	20,821	1,100	56,007	62,236	
Belgium	13,045	330	4,139	3,092	
Switzerland	7,323	1,210	4,444	12,381	
Germany, West	35,509	26,888	100,425	138,465	
United Kingdom	7,908	24,647	19,141	73,244	
Sweden	100	50	1,200	28,920	
Norway	337	--	1,956	20,630	
Others	9,038	--	--	--	
Total	94,081	54,225	187,312	338,968	
Asia:					
Japan	309	--	8	--	
Hong Kong	154	166	--	--	
Philippines, Rep....	950	1,427	4,534	2,303	
Saudi Arabia	163	112	210	377	
Others	222	372	492	1,373	
Total	1,798	2,077	5,244	4,053	
Africa:					
Belgian Congo	9	--	--	--	
Liberia	55	--	--	--	
Others	5	--	--	--	
Total	69	--	--	--	
Other Countries:	9,005	17,806	17,717	31,553	
Grand total	259,369	369,641	487,730	703,156	

1/ 100-pound bags.

Table 5.—SEED PEAS: U.S. exports by country of destination
1952-56 average, 1957-58 to 1959-60 annual

Country of destination	Average	Marketing years			
	1952-56	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	
	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	
North America:					
Canada	40,740	37,700	35,111		49,906
Latin America:					
Mexico	1,121	683	2,723		1,785
Brazil	2,939	3,636	3,928		4,471
Uruguay	337	387	1,735		8,405
Venezuela	61	—	—		1,307
Argentina	758	242	44		1,057
Cuba	58	—	—		—
Surinam	290	—	—		—
Others	353	120	—		112
Total	5,917	5,068	8,430		17,137
Europe:					
United Kingdom	10,208	9,379	25,738		30,407
Switzerland	4,462	2,644	4,773		1,429
Netherlands	2,046	355	2,909		1,364
France	539	601	2,906		2,215
Sweden	2,548	7,307	8,289		14,271
Germany, West	1,154	3,285	1,342		4,765
Italy	931	3,486	3,440		469
Denmark	116	99	429		1,903
Belgium	410	713	396		2,505
Norway	318	—	55		454
Others	247	—	—		—
Total	22,979	27,869	50,277		59,782
Asia:					
Israel	1,045	154	1,498		220
New Zealand	419	836	—		887
Japan	34	—	—		30
Others	213	—	—		100
Total	1,711	990	1,498		1,237
Africa:					
French Morocco	488	—	—		—
Union of So. Africa:	32	—	—		—
Libya	3	—	—		—
Total	523	—	—		—
Others:	794	425	5,462		2,558
Grand total	72,664	72,052	100,778		130,620

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